

As a former charter pilot at and neighbor to KAPA (I no longer live in the area) I knew this noise ban was a matter of when and not if. Based upon the information the ban of Stage 1 aircraft and restrictions on Stage 2 aircraft (provided relief is given for Air Ambulance flights) appears to be in line with many other communities and much less restrictive than some. It is time to begin phasing out the worst noise offenders which doesn't necessarily mean retiring the airplane as many of them can now be modified to meet Stage 3 requirements. Does this place a financial burden on the operator? Of course it does but if they haven't seen this coming for the past 20 years and begun to prepare for it they have no one to blame but themselves.

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